

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Centering Words

Answer your greatest call: To love God with all that you are; and to love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Do this and God will prosper the work of your hands.

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Hymn

"He Lives"

UMH #310

*Opening Prayer

God of Life, your memory is longer than time; your love longer still.

Your giving nature amazes us. You have given us yourself.

You have given us your work. You only ask for love in return, for you and for the world.

You put your ministry into our hands, trusting us to be your hands.

Bless the work of our hands and the ministries of our hearts, O God, as we seek to do your will. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

UMH #895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

"The Time For Singing Has Come"
Chancel Choir

by J. Martin
11:00

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, you have given us mercy. You have given us love.

You have been our calling, and you have been our home.

Take now our hands and feet, O God, and use them for your purposes.

Take now the offering of our hearts, minds, and souls.

Transform them into your love, your mercy, and your everlasting grace for all the world.

Amen.

Dismissal for Children's Church (ages infant-5th grade)

11:00

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"O How He Loves You and Me"

TFWS #2108

Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40

Message

"Love God, and Love People"

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: God of Mercy, we hear your command to love one another.

These words are easy to say, yet difficult to do.

If only loving could be as natural as breathing, but it takes work and dedication.

Even when we think we are following you, God, it is easy to get distracted, overwhelmed, turned around, even lost.

All: We turn to the loud praise of the world, rather than the quiet whisper of your blessing. We do the simple, the least-resistant, and leave the difficult behind. Turn us around, God.

Pastor: Turn us back to you when we have wandered, when we have suffered, or when we bring suffering on others.

All: Show us once more what love looks like and send us into the world to try again. Amen.

Words of Assurance

When we lose our way; when we are confused and confounded, God waits with compassion, to turn us back to love, to grace, to God's own face.

Even before we ask for mercy, God has already forgiven us.

God sweeps away our mistakes and misdeeds and calls us home.

*Hymn

"Pass It On"

UMH #572

*Sending Forth

People of God, go forth into the world.

Love God. Love your neighbors.

Love yourselves. Go forth as people of love. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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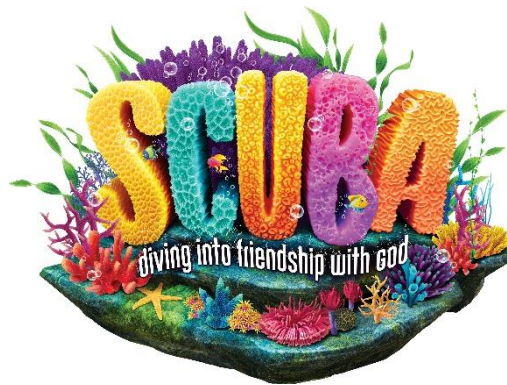
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MISSION OF THE MONTH

YWCA

- + Shampoo & Conditioner
- + Deodorant
- + Body Wash or Bars of Soap

You may drop your donation at the church during regular office hours or Sunday mornings.
Monetary donations are always welcome,
just mark the memo line of your check "Mission Group".



VBS MEETING

All leaders & helpers are encouraged to attend.
April 30th at 6:30pm
Old Fellowship Hall (Center Ave. entrance)
See Molly for questions, or if you would like to volunteer.

VBS

June 24-28
9:00am to 12:00pm
Grades K-5

*We are still accepting monetary donations to help defray costs.



Annual Quarter Auction

April 27, 2024

Doors open at 12:00pm

Auction begins at 1:00pm

*See your bulletin insert for ways you can help!

MULCH SALE!!

Information & Order Form is on the Welcome Desk

***See Scott Beresh for questions.**

SALE ENDS APRIL 24TH!



Please submit your articles, bragging rights, events and pictures to Joyce Kimpel, jkimpel23@gmail.com by April 25th.

Please cover all events up to August 15th.



We are collecting small bottles of bubbles to hand out to the kids at
"Grooving in the Grove".
Please place your donation outside of the church office.
Thank you!



June 30, 2024

If you are interested in becoming a member of Elm Grove United Methodist Church,
please speak to Pastor Deb.